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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-228795 published by the Japanese Patent Office on August 15, 2000; and

B. A copy of catalogue titled "Kanatech/Amenity Car Life by Kanack Technology" published in Japan by Kanack Planning Corporation in October, 2000, pages 2-6.

Prior art A and B are in Japanese, and the English translation of each one of these prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned. However, an English language abstract is attached to prior art A and a concise explanation of the relevance of prior art B is presented below pursuant to 37 CFR 1.1.98(a)(3):

The prior art B discloses a car audio-video installation kit that includes an SLS (super live sound) "translator" equipped with voltage conversion, signal distribution and muting functions. The "translator", as shown in the illustration of page 2, allows the output level of a non-genuine or an ordinary car-stereo system and an input level of a genuine power amplifier of a particular car to be matched, so that a single "translator" can control four (front right and left


and rear right and left) loudspeakers and a subwoofer of the car. The prior art B fails to show the structure that a single transformer is provided for each channel.

The fee for \$180 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) and set forth in 1.17(p) is enclosed.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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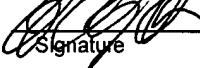
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